

Chaplaincy Newsletter

Week Beginning 2nd May 2022



Scripture **Luke 2:22-40** -*The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple*

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷ Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:



²⁹ "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss^[c] your servant in peace.

³⁰ For my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹ which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:

³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel."

³³ The child's father and mother marvelled at what was said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, ³⁵ so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."

Faith in Action

This week's scripture shows the faith of a man called Simeon. Simeon recognises Jesus as the Messiah but also tells Mary that 'a sword will pierce your own soul too'. With these words we are reminded of the suffering that Mary also went through with witnessing her son die a painful death. At this time, we can remember people in our own lives that we have lost and pray to Mary for them.

Prayer

Mary Our Mother,

Please pray for loved ones of ours that we have lost.

Help us have the strength that you displayed during your time on earth.

Help us to be more like you and have the faith that you showed.

Amen